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### *Medical Officer of Health:*

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Cert. Inspector of Meat and other Foods

(Also holds the appointment of Engineer and Surveyor)

### *Deputy Public Health Inspector:*

J. MACLEOD (from 1st May, 1967)

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A. T. FENTON, ESQ.

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HARRY WALKER AND COMPANY.

# TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE WHITWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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MADAM CHAIRMAN, AND GENTLEMEN,

In accordance with my statutory duty as your Medical Officer of Health, I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year, 1967.

The contents of this report have been compiled in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/68, dated January, 1968.

Clearance of houses unfit for human habitation is one of the chief public health problems in the district and will be for some years yet. During 1967, twenty-four unfit houses were cleared following action under the Housing Act, 1957, and eight unfit cellar dwellings were closed. Official representations were submitted in respect of three areas comprising 37 houses, all of which were declared Clearance Areas by the Council and subsequently confirmed by the Ministry.

Twenty-five Discretionary Grants, totalling £5,432 and twenty-seven Standard Grants were approved during the year.

I am, Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. NELSON PICKLES,  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

## VITAL STATISTICS.

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**Births:** 167 births (87 males and 80 females) were registered this year; a crude birth rate of 23.2 per thousand of the population. The corrected birth rate, i.e. that rate which would be arrived at if the age and sex constitution of the population of the district was in the same proportion as the rest of England and Wales, is 23.4.

17 births were illegitimate, 5 less than the previous year. and 13 less than 1965.

There were no still births, which gives a stil birth rate of nil per 1,000 total births.

The Registrar-General's area comparability factor for the adjustment of the birth rate is 1.36.

**Deaths:** 87 deaths were registered, of which 46 were males and 41 females.

The crude death rate is 12.1 and the adjusted rate is 13.8 per thousand estimated population. (Registrar-General's comparability factor is 1.23).

**Maternal Mortality:** It is very gratifying to report once again, that there has been no maternal death in the district.

**General Provision of Health Services in the Area:** These services are administered by the County Council through No. 13 Divisional Health Committee, on which this Council is represented. Up-to-date details are given in tables I and II of Clinic sessions and Divisional Health Staff serving the Urban District



TABLE I

CLINIC SESSIONS HELD AT THE SCHOOL CLINIC,  
BREN-BAR CRESCENT, WHITWORTH.

Minor Ailments :	Tuesdays, 9-30 a.m.—10-30 a.m. Thursdays, 9-30 a.m.—12 noon.
Child Welfare :	Thursdays, 1-30—4 p.m.
Immunisation and Vaccination :	4th Wednesday in every month, 10-0 a.m.
Ante-natal Session : (Midwives only).	Mondays, 2—4 p.m. (Doctor attends on first Monday in month).
Chiropody :	Wednesdays, 1-30—4-30 p.m.

TABLE II

DIVISIONAL HEALTH STAFF—WHITWORTH AREA.

Asst. Div. Medical Officer & Sch. Medical Officer.	Dr. M. Boldus, School Clinic Bren-bar Cres., Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 3181.
Health Visitors & School Nurses.	Miss E. B. Ferguson and Miss N. Thornton, School Clinic, Bren-bar, Cres., Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 3181.
Tuberculosis Health Visitor.	Mrs. M. E. Schofield, The Clinic, Irwell Street, Bacup.
District Nurses.	Mrs. T. R. Hay, 23 Knowsley Crescent, Shawforth. Mrs. C. Bridge, 2, Brenbar Crescent, Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 2177.
Domiciliary Midwives.	Mrs. O. Ashworth, 63 Wallbank Drive, Whitworth. Tel. 2131. Mrs. L. Dungworth, 38, Eastgate
Divisional Welfare Organiser.	Mr. J. H. Todd, Divisional Health Office, 193 Drake Street, Roch- dale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.
Home Help Organiser.	Mrs. E. E. Clark, Divisional Health Offices, 193 Drake Street. Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231,

- Mental Health Worker. Miss J. R. Lambert, Divisional Health Offices, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.
- Mental Welfare Officer. Mr. E. B. Williams, Divisional Health Offices, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231. (Outside Office Hours: Tel. Oldham MAIn 5488).
- Ambulance Station, Bacup. Station Officer S. C. Kay, Commercial Street, Stacksteads. Tel. Accrington 34834



## APPENDIX

### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

#### Summary of Statistics : 1967.

Area (Acres) .....				4483
Population (Census 1951).....				7442
Population (Census 1961).....				7050
Population estimated (Mid 1967).....				7210
Number of inhabited houses (1967).....				2870
Rateable Value .....				£171,396
Sum represented by a penny rate.....				£639
<b>LIVE BIRTHS</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>		<b>Total</b>
Legitimate .....	78	72		150
Illegitimate .....	9	8		17
	—	—		—
Total .....	87	80		167
	—	—		—
Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population .....				23.4
Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of total live births...				10.2
Still Births—Number .....				0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births .....				0.0
Total Live and Still Births .....				167
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year) .....				1
Infant Mortality Rates				
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births.....				6.00
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births				6.66
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live				
births .....				0.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per				
1,000 total live births .....				0.0
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week				
per 1,000 total live births) .....				0.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under				
1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births				0.0
Maternal Mortality (including abortion).				
Number of deaths .....				Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births .....				Nil
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>		<b>Total</b>
Deaths .....	46	41		87
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population.....				13.8
Deaths from Certain Specified Diseases.				
Diseases of Circulatory System .....				32
Cancer (all forms) .....				18
Tuberculosis .....				Nil
Bronchitis .....				9

## INFANT MORTALITY

Year	No of deaths	Infant Mortality, Rate per 1,000 live births	Quinquennial Rates	
			Year	Rate
1967	1	6.0	63-67	29.5
1966	9	60.8	62-66	35.3
1965	3	20.5	61-65	30.9
1964	8	20.4	60-64	34.1
1963	6	40.0	59-63	32.6
1962	6	34.9	58-62	33.6
1961	5	38.8	57-61	29.9
1960	5	36.5	56-60	23.7
1959	2	13	55-59	24
1958	5	45	54-58	35
1957	2	16	53-57	31
1956	1	8	52-56	34
1955	5	38	51-55	38
1954	9	69	50-54	40
1953	3	25	49-53	35
1952	4	31	48-52	37
1951	3	27	47-51	38
1950	6	48	46-50	43
1949	5	42	45-49	43
1948	5	35	44-48	48
1947	6	40	43-47	61
1946	7	50	42-46	72
1945	6	50	41-45	75
1944	7	63	40-44	83
1943	13	103	39-43	85
1942	10	94	38-42	82
1941	7	64	37-41	76
1940	9	90	36-40	92
1939	6	76	35-39	90
1938	7	86	34-38	84
1937	4	65		
1936	13	149		

CAUSES OF DEATH							1966	1967
ALL CAUSES	...	...	...	...	...	...	102	87
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Tuberculosis, Other	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Measles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Infections and Parasitic Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	6
Leukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Diabetes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	8
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	16
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Other Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	9
Other Circulatory Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4
Influenza ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	2
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	9
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
Ulcers of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhae	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
All Other Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	5
Suicide ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	4
Homicide and Operations of War	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis)

## DURING THE YEAR 1967

[illegible]



INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Comparison 1956—1967

DISEASE	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956
Small Pox ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	2	2	...	2
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ...	105	174	75	38	142	20	140	58	74	21	52	119
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	5	...	8	17	...	43	2	14
Pneumonia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Opthalmia Neonatorum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3
Dysentery ...	...	...	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	16	...	1
Meningococcal Infection ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Gastro Enteritis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Acute Polio-myelitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	105	176	75	40	147	26	149	78	79	82	55	139

INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Monthly Incidence, 1967

DISEASE	TOTAL	JAN.	FEB.	MAR	APL.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Small Pox ...													
Scarlet Fever ...													
Diphtheria ...													
Measles ...	105	25	13	5	61	1							
Whooping Cough ...													
Pneumonia ...													
Erysipelas ...													
Puerperal Pyrexia ...													
Opthalmia Neonatorum													
Meningococcal Infection													
Chicken Pox ...													
Food Poisoning ...													
Dysentery ...													
Poliomyelitis ...													
TOTALS ...	105	25	13	5	16	1							



## TUBERCULOSIS

## NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1967.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5—14 „ .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15—24 „ .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25—44 „ .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45—64 „ .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and over .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Age Unknown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0		0		0		0	
	0		0		0		0	
Total 1966 ...	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
	2		1		1		0	

## COMPARISON 1959—1967

Year	NEW CASES		DEATHS	
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
1959	—	1	1	—
1960	3	—	—	—
1961	3	—	3	—
1962	3	—	1	—
1963	2	—	—	—
1964	3	—	—	—
1965	—	—	1	—
1966	2	1	1	—
1967	—	—	—	—

# Public Health Inspector's Annual Report

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Whitworth.*

MADAM CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my fifth Annual Report which covers the year ending 31st December, 1967.

In 1967 the Council maintained the progress it has made in the last few years in the improvement of housing standards in the district. 155 new dwellings were completed in the year, which must certainly be an all-time record for the district. 51 of these were erected by private builders which again must be a record. During the year the Council declared three Improvement Areas and acquired the dwellings in those areas. It is the Council's intention to modernise these dwellings and to give them all the modern amenities which are to be found in a new dwelling. In addition it is proposed to improve the environment in which the dwellings are situated by the demolition of some of the dwellings in order to reduce the density on the site, to landscape the area and what is, in my opinion, essential, afford the occupants a privacy which has not been enjoyed by previous occupiers. A scheme for one of the areas—Delph Cottages—was prepared and at the time of writing, a tender has been accepted and work is in progress. Here the dwellings are to be centrally heated by means of a small district heating scheme, which should afford the tenants all the warmth and comfort of a modern house without a separate heating appliance for each dwelling. The whole area in which the dwellings are sited is to be rejuvenated by landscaping, tree planting and the construction of a playing field on the site of an old mill, whilst the dwellings themselves are to be given an external face-lift by being sandblasted. The Council are to be congratulated upon adopting such a forward looking policy ahead of, but very much in line with the Government White Paper, "Old houses into new homes."

However not all houses are suitable for modernisation through age, condition or siting and in 1967 a further 24 dwellings were demolished.

Early in the year Mr. G. B. Rudge left to take up another appointment and in May, Mr. J. MacLeod commenced duties as Deputy Surveyor and Deputy Public Health Inspector.

Less owners have this year taken advantage of the assistance given by the Council in the payment of grants for the improvement of dwelling houses. Discretionary Grants totalling £4,866 were approved, whilst Standard Grants amounting to £1,598 were paid, in each case only about half of the previous year's total.

I wish to express my thanks for the ever ready assistance given to me by your other officials and members of my staff and for the support and encouragement received from the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

A. DEWHURST,  
Engineer, Surveyor and Senior  
Public Health Inspector.

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

7 Informal Notices and 2 Statutory Notices for the abatement of nuisances and the remedy of sanitary defects in and around dwellings were served on owners and occupiers.

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

Number of premises visited .....	940
Housing—inspection—change of tenancy .....	17
Housing—Housing Act .....	63
Housing—Public Health Act.....	72
Housing—Clearance.....	153
Housing—Improvement Grants.....	137
Council Houses .....	67
Visits re. Shops Act .....	31
Refuse Tip.....	27
Sewage Works .....	21
Rodent Control.....	44
Public Conveniences.....	18
Meat Inspection .....	71
Smoke Nuisance .....	3
Drain Tests .....	64
Interviews .....	170
Miscellaneous .....	152
Animal Boarding Establishments .....	3
Pet Animals Act.....	2



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

### A. Sanitary Inspection of the Area

#### Water Supply

The water supply in the area is mainly satisfactory. The Public supply is provided by the Rochdale Corporation, and the majority of the houses have a supply of water that is wholly sufficient and good in quality.

The water is collected from upland surface gathering grounds and afterwards treated by modern methods of filtration and chlorination.

The number of dwelling houses supplied from public mains is 2,796 and 74 houses have supplies drawn from private sources.

#### Public Cleansing

Household refuse is collected on a weekly basis from all the houses in the area and approximately 2,990 dustbins are emptied. 144 dustbins were replaced during the year under the Council's scheme.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping methods for land reclamation purposes at Landgate. It is anticipated that the previous site at Springfield will be a future playing field.

The weekly collection and disposal of refuse has been satisfactorily maintained throughout the year, although with the coming into occupation of new houses set well back from the highway, with the longer carry of dustbins to the kerb the collection staff are working at full pressure. The paper sack has been introduced at new houses in place of the dustbin as an aid to speeding collection and as a means of offsetting this longer carry.

Details of the cost of collection and disposal of household refuse are as follows (Including provision of new dustbins and the collection of night-soil).

	1967	1966
Loads removed .....	920	890
Cost per load .....	£11 0 2d	£10 17 10d
Refuse in tons (estimated) .....	4410	4380
Cost per ton .....	£2 5 5d	£2 4 3d
Number of houses and premises .....	3226	3117
Cost per house and premise per annum .....	£3 2 9d	£3 2 2d
Total Net Cost of collection .....	£10129	£9693

Owing to increasing costs all round, refuse costs have gone up generally.

### Sanitary Accommodation

The sanitary accommodation of the area is as follows:—

Fresh Water Closets.....	2886
Waste Water Closets.....	104
Pail Closets.....	56
No. of houses on the Water Carriage system .....	2766

The Pail Closets existing are situated at the following premises :—

Dwelling-houses .....	22
Mills and Workshops .....	1
Farms .....	33

With very few exceptions they cannot be converted to the fresh water carriage system, in view of the fact that they are situated in outlying parts where no sewer is available.

Although the Council encourage the conversion of waste water closets to the fresh water carriage system, progress is slow and there is no authority for compulsory conversion.

Referring to the sanitary accommodation generally, there are still many blocks of houses where the occupiers of the dwellings have to walk distances of 20 or 30 yards down the street to the sanitary accommodation, this being jointly used by two or more families. Unfortunately, this state of affairs cannot be quickly improved at the present as most of the houses concerned are of a type which will be subject to demolition or re-conditioning within the next few years.



### Atmospheric Pollution

All the boiler plants at factories are operating satisfactorily and a noticeable improvement can be seen as a result of conversions to oil firing carried out in the last few years.

The Council has taken no action to date in the declaration of smoke control areas affecting residential property.

### Rodent Control

A trained rodent operative is employed on a part-time basis for dealing with these treatments, and a charge is made for work when engaged on industrial and farm premises.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties in district .....	3464	33
Number of Properties Inspected .....	89	12
Total Inspections (incl. Re-Inspections)...	1001	—
Number of Properties found infested by:		
Rats .....	55	10
Mice—Major .....	—	—
Minor .....	38	—
Number of Infested properties treated	93	10

## B. Housing

Once again I am able to report exceptionally good progress in the field of housing. 104 dwellings were completed by the Council making a post-war total of 656 whilst in the private sector almost a third of the post-war total (51 out of 158) were completed in 1967.

Clearance Areas Nos. 24, 25 and 26, were declared by the Council followed by Compulsory Purchase Orders, which were later confirmed by the Ministry. The three areas comprised 37 dwellings.

### HOUSING STATISTICS

#### (a) NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR.

	Houses	Flats
1. By the Local Authority.....	88	16
2. By Other Local Authorities .....	Nil	Nil
3. By Other Bodies or Persons .....	51	Nil

#### (b) UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

##### 1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .....	181
(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose .....	299
(2) Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :—	
(a) Number found during year .....	167
(b) Number (or estimated number) at end of year.....	167
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit .....	47

##### 2. Houses Demolished.

In clearance areas—

(1) Houses unfit for human habitation .....	24
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc. ...	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act 1957 .....	Nil

Not in clearance areas.

(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act 1937 .....	Nil
(5) Local Authority owned houses	Nil

##### 3. Unfit Houses Closed.

(1) Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act 1957.....	8
(2) Under Section 17(3) and 26 Housing Act 1957 .....	Nil
(3) Parts of building closed under Section 18 Housing Act 1957 .....	Nil

## 4. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By L.A.
(1) After information action by Local Authority .....	41	—
(2) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts	1	—
(b) Housing Act, 1957	—	—
(3) Under Section 24, 9 and 16 Housing Act 1957.....	—	—

## 5. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act 1957).

Position at end of year.

(1) Retained for temporary accommodation.	
(a) Under Section 48.....	Nil
(b) Under Section 17(2) .....	Nil
(c) Under Section 46.....	Nil

(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	Nil
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## 6. Purchase of houses by agreement.

Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed clearance orders or compulsory purchase orders, purchased during the year ..... Nil

7. Housing Act 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958—  
Improvement Grants, etc.

Action during year.

	Private bodies or Individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of Schemes	No. of Dwelling Houses or other Buildings affected	No. of Schemes	No. of Dwelling Houses or other Buildings affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	24	24	—	—
(b) Approved by local authority .....	24	24	—	—
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry.....	—	—	2	2
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	—	—	2	2
(e) Work completed.....	37	37	2	2
(f) Additional Separate dwellings included in (d) above.	—	—	—	—

(g) Any other action taken under the Act. .... Nil

8. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959—  
Standard Grants. Action during year: No. of dwellings or other buildings affected

(a) Applications submitted to local authority ...	28
Applications approved by local authority ...	28
Work completed .....	18

### C. Meat and Food Inspection

Slaughterhouses Act, 1954.

Food and Drugs Act, 1957.

During the year all the animals slaughtered in the district have been examined. Particulars of carcasses inspected and amounts condemned are shown below.

#### CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle exclud'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed.....	69	32	—	235	41	—
Number inspected .....	69	32	—	235	41	—
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBER- CULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI. Whole carcase condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ...	2	3	—	1	—	—
Percentage of number inspected	2.9	9.0	—	0.4	—	—
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY. Whole carcase condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis...	—	—	—	—	—	—
CYSTICEROSIS. Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned .....	—	—	—	—	—	—

#### WEIGHT OF CARCASSES AND ORGANS FOUND TO BE UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

All diseases except Tuberculosis ... ..	472 lbs.
Tuberculosis only ... ..	Nil
Total ... ..	472 lbs



## **Slaughterhouses**

There is only one private slaughterhouse licenced in the district and regular inspections are carried out. The premises which have recently been re-modelled and brought up to modern standards, are maintained and conducted in a satisfactory manner.

The majority of the animals slaughtered in the district are for consumption in the district.

There is no public abattoir in the district.

## **Slaughtermen's Licences**

During the year 4 persons were licensed as slaughtermen.

## **Food and Drugs Act 1955 — *Section 16***

9 routine visits were made during the year to the 26 premises in the district registered for the sale of ice-cream. 10 inspections were made of premises registered for the manufacture of sausage and cooked meats

## **Food and Drugs Acts, 1955 — *Sampling***

The provision of the above Acts, so far as they relate to the sampling of food for nature, substance and quality are administered by the Lancashire County Council in co-operation with the Local Authority.

**Food Inspection**

Visits were made during the year to inspect foodstuffs at various premises and condemnation certificates were issued for the following :—

Poultry (Chickens) .....	14 lbs.
Bacon .....	7 lbs.

The amount of foodstuffs found to be unsound was less in 1967 than in recent years.



**PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961  
PART 1 OF THE ACT—1—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES  
INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers prosecuted (4)
SECTION I: Factories in which Sections I, II, III, IV and VI are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	3	...	...
SECTION II: Factories not in- cluded in (I) in which Sec- tion VII is enforced by the Local Authority ...	4	...	...
SECTION III: Other premises in which Section VII is en- forced by the Local Author- ity (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	...	...	...
Total ...	7	...	...

**2—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND**

Particulars (1)	Number of defects			Number of offences in respect of which prose- cutions were instituted (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (4)	
Want of cleanliness ...	...	...	...	...
Overcrowding ...	...	...	...	...
Unreasonable temperature ...	...	...	...	...
Ineffective drainage of floors	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Accommodation:				
insufficient ...	—	—	...	...
unsuitable or defective ...	1	1	...	...
inadequate ventilation ...	...	...	...	...
want of cleanliness ...	...	...	...	...
not separate for sexes ...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences against the Act	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1	1	...	...

**PART VIII OF THE ACT—OUTWORKERS : Nil**

## Sewage Works

During 1967 the sewage disposal works generally managed to produce a satisfactory effluent although operating under difficulty. One of the difficulties is the drying and disposal of sludge. Two old settling tanks were converted into sludge drying beds in an effort to improve the position.

During the year the effluent from Orama Mill was accepted at the works whilst the closing of Hallfold Mill offset this new trade effluent.

This is one local authority service which does not generally catch the public eye, but is one which must function to a high standard of efficiency if our rivers are to attain a standard of purity which we would all wish to see. This can only be attained by full and close collaboration between the local authority, river authority and industrialists who now discharge effluent into the rivers and streams.







